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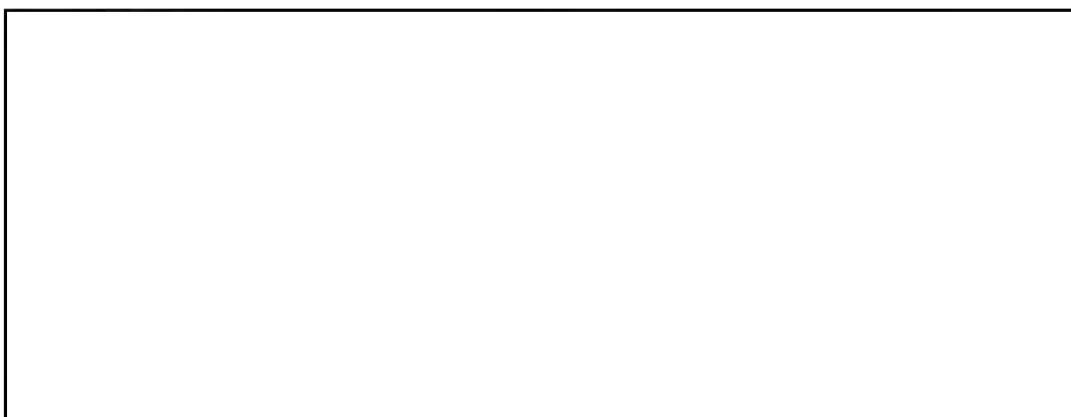
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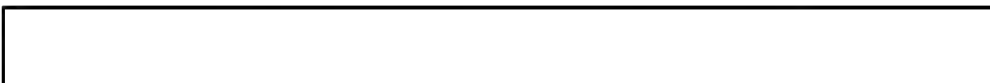
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Belgium: Foreign Minister Harmel's decision to postpone his visit to the USSR removes a point of potential friction between Brussels and some of its allies.

Harmel, who had intended to make the visit in late March in response to persistent Soviet invitations, now plans to go sometime after the NATO anniversary in April. Belgian leaders apparently misjudged at first the extent of reservations raised by the US and some other allies during North Atlantic Council discussions earlier this month of the agenda and timing of the trip.



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Ghana-USSR: Efforts by Moscow to pressure the military rulers in Accra to release the detained trawlers and their crews are apparently beginning to pay off. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the government has decided to close the trawler case as quickly as possible by bringing the crews to trial, possibly by 25 February, presumably for violating Ghana's territorial waters and then releasing them shortly thereafter. The detachment of Soviet naval ships, whose presence in West African waters may well be related to the trawler case, is now scheduled to arrive in Lagos on 23 February in time for Soviet Army Day celebrations, according to the head of the Nigerian Navy. [REDACTED]

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